(c) Additional number of small scale units, employment and fixed investment generated in small scale sector after the announcement of new industrial policy are given below :

Period	Additional Investment (Rs. crores)	Additional Employment (Lakh Nos.)	Additional Number of units (000)
Oct. 1991—March, 1992	186	2.80	72
April, 1992—Dec., 1992	258	3.44	100

(d) in 1991-92, the overall growth rate of economy had fallen and consequently the rate of growth in small scale had also fallen. However as compared to growth rate of (-) 0-1% for the industrial sector as a whole, the growth registered in SSI Sector was 2 .4%. With relaxation in credit supply, liberalisation of imports and decline in rate of interest, the growth rate in first 3 quarters of 1992-93 has picked up and is estimated at 6.7%. In pursuance of the Policy announcement for small, tiny and village industries made in August 1991, several measures have been taken in the realm of simplification of rules and regulations, enhancement of investment ceiling in tiny units, issuance of ordinance on delayed payments to SSI and ancillary units, 24% equity participation in SSI units by other industrial undertakings, etc.

Unbranded bidi manufacturers causing harm to public

*156. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what percentage of the total bidi production in the country is contributed by branded bidi manufacturers and how much by unbranded bidi manufacturers;

(b) whether it is a fact that unbranded bidi manufacturers, while remaining outside the scope of Government regulations, laws and workers welfare schemes, not only exploit the market to the detriment of branded bidi manufacturers, but also cause immense harm to public by manufacturing and selling spurious bidis; and

(c) what steps are contemplated to prevent the manufacture of spurious, substandard bidis by unbranded bidi-manufacturers and exploitation of labour and market by them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Sir, such detailed information is not maintained by the Central Government.

(b) There are two Labour Acts namely : (a) Bidi and Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1966.

(b) Bidi Workers Welfare Fund Act, 1976, which deal with the working condition and Welfare measures for the Bidi workers, irrespective of the fact whether they are working with manufacturers of branded or unbranded Bidis.

(c) Regular inspections and checks are being carried out on the factories by the Competent Authorities to prevent the production and marketing of such spurious and unbranded Bidis, besides exploitation of labour.

Rectification of section against M/s. Carews Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

*157. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: SHRI N. E. BALARAM :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to SQ No. 426 given in the Rajya Sabha on 6-8-92 and state :

(a) what action has been taken by Government to rectify the indiscriminatory action taken against M/s. Carews Pharmaceuticals Ltd; and

(b) what is the present status of action on the remaining two companies mentioned at Sr. No. (1) and (3) of the statement referred in the reply to SQ 4262 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) No indiscriminatory action has been taken by the Government against M/s. Carews Pharmaceuticals India Limited. The present status of action taken on the two companies referred to at S. No. (1) and (3) of the Statement to the Starred Question No. 426 is as under :—

S.No	Name of Product and Company	Present Position of the Examination.
1.	Brustan (Stancare—a Division of M/s. Ranbexy)	The factual position whether the Company resubmitted price fixation application, with the required manufacturing licence from the FDA to BICP is to be ascertained.
2.	Anaflam (M/s. Vax Institute Laboratories Ltd. and marketed by M/s. Albert David)	The Company has not furnished the data on production/sales and prices charged from time to time, for the relevant period, so that the over-charged amount could be worked out. FDA West Bengal has also been requested to expedite the information from the company.